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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s) REID, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/451,321

Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: November 30, 1999

Examiner: Craires

Title: MICROPARTICLES CARRIERS OF MAXIMAL UPTAKE CAPACITY BY  
BOTH M CELLS AND NON-M CELLS

**STATUS REQUEST AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROSECUTION**  
**GIVEN EXTENSIVE 5 YEAR DELAY IN PTO RESPONSE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants filed an Amendment on August 22, 2001 in response to a communication from the Patent Office dated August 14, 2001. To this date, Applicants have not received a reply. Applicants are concerned about the possibility that the application has become lost at the Patent Office. Applicants telephoned the Examiner on August 17, 2005 and again in December 2005 but have not received any confirmation that the application has been found and that Applicants should expect to receive a reply.

Applicants kindly request that this application file be located as soon as possible and acted on in an expedited manner given this extensive delay of almost five (5) years.

Respectfully submitted,

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